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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ICDS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of additional Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)/Mini-AWCs to be opened in the country, State-wise/UT-wise, particularly in West Bengal and Lakshadweep.

(b) the details of the funds allocated to various States/UTs for the said purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide hot meal as supplementary nutrition having micronutrients through Anganwadi Centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) State-wise requirements for additional Anganwadi Centres(AWCs)/Mini-AWCs for the 3rd Phase of expansion of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme are given in the Statement annexed.

(b) The funds are released only after the AWCs/Mini-AWCs are sanctioned by the Government of India.

(c)&(d) As per the guidelines contained in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have the flexibility to select the type of food to be provided as supplementary nutrition to Pregnant & Lactating Mothers and children below six years of age. It could be milk, pre-processed or semi-processed food or food prepared on the spot from locally available food stuff depending upon the category of beneficiaries, location of the project and administrative feasibility.